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GUARANTEED SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CUMULATED VOLUME OF C.P.I. GO OVER THE TOP

More than enough guaranteed subscriptions have been received by the Wilson Company to insure the *Index* going to press. On February 1, the total of subscribers' charges reached \$3,532.05. To the lists of subscribers which appeared in the two previous issues of the *WORLD*, the following are added:

The Missionary, Apostolic Mission House, Wash., D. C.; National Catholic Welfare Conference, Wash., D. C.; Georgetown University, Wash., D. C.; Feehan Memorial Library, Mundelein, Ill.; Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill.; University of Notre Dame Library, Notre Dame, Ind.; Mother M. Juliana, S.S.N.D., Fort Madison, Iowa; St. Joseph Academy Library, Crookston, Minn.; Cathedral High School, St. Cloud, Minn.; St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; Nazareth College, Rochester, N. Y.; St. Angela Hall Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.; St. John's University, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Capuchin Monastery, Garrison, N. Y.; College Misericordia, Dallas, Penna.; Marvood College Library, Scranton, Penna.; Capuchin Fathers, 128 W. Burleigh St., Milwaukee, Wis.; Capuchin Fathers, 1004 N. Tenth St., Milwaukee, Wis.; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Wenta, Milwaukee, Wis.; Capuchin Fathers, Appleton, Wis.; Capuchin Fathers, 1927 N. Fourth St., Milwaukee, Wis. The large number of letters received by the editor suggests the fact that there is not a clear understanding of what is meant by a guaranteed subscription. The impression has been held that because a library was a subscriber to the previous volumes of the *Index* it would automatically be considered a subscriber to the Cumulation. A guaranteed subscriber is one who submits a check-list noting periodicals received by the individual or institution, and after being informed by the Wilson Company what the charge of the Cumulation will be, promises to purchase an *Index* when it is issued.

If any subscriber wishes to send the remittance now or in the near future, such co-operation will be heartily appreciated by the Wilson Company.

Story of Brooklyn-Long Island Meeting in
Next Issue

TOWARD A MORE EFFECTIVE PROCEDURE

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The President of the Catholic Library Association has assigned as the topic for this paper the rather appalling phrase: "Toward a More Effective Procedure." It is appalling in its possible range of thought, and therefore in its vagueness. It is appalling in that it might be understood as implying criticism of past procedure in the conduct of the Association. It is full of delicacies and dynamite. From what I know of Father Etzig's point of view, I am quite certain that he had no thought of depreciating the efforts of former officers in managing the affairs of the Catholic Library Association, or of setting himself up as a radical reformer. But he was aware, as we are all aware, of the difficult problems that confront the Association, and he wished to promote discussion as to how we may meet those problems.

It is no reflection upon anyone to recognize the fact that the Catholic Library Association is still in its infancy, and is still subject to the peculiar perils of infancy. The medical world boasts that it has greatly reduced infant mortality amongst human beings; but I haven't heard anyone boast that the mortality rate has been lowered amongst social or professional organizations. If we are to keep this infant Catholic Library Association alive and in healthy growth toward its maturity, we shall have to exercise plenty of skill and care.

The Association was born in perilous times, just on the verge of our huge economic collapse. Yet it seemed to be a lusty infant. It not merely produced a considerable amount of noise, but it became articulate almost at once. It rushed into print with admirable promptness. It set about the rather formidable task of publishing the *CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD* and the *Catholic Periodical Index*. It showed enthusiasm, *élan vital*, a sturdy ambition, an energizing zeal. For a few months it really looked like an infant prodigy.

Then it began to cut its teeth, and to have the measles, and summer colic, and everything. The first impression of its lustiness was more than dimmed. It began to appear not such a husky infant, after all. Its loud noises, we discovered, came, not from a large membership, but from a few enthusiasts. It had no

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MAGAZINE CLEARING HOUSE PROMISES TO BE MOST SUCCESSFUL

The response to the announcement of another magazine clearing house exchange has been so tremendous that Fr. Brielmaier finds himself buried beneath the avalanche of lists. He has been able to bob his head long enough to send a short message to the editor.

It may interest some of your readers to know that this year's clearing house exchange promises to be more successful than its predecessors. Up to the end of January twenty-five librarians sent in their exchange lists. Others are still compiling their wants and discards. Lists that were quite skimpy in past exchanges have grown to formidable proportions, two of them exceeding 250 pages. Judging from comparisons already made, previous records will be broken even though no further lists were to be submitted. Lest any lists might have gone astray, it might be good to note that an acknowledgment has been sent out to all who have sent in lists in the month of January. If the number of participants does not increase unduly, it should be possible to give each one the benefit of all comparisons. Those who intend to submit lists in future will kindly send in a notification to this effect as soon as possible.

Fr. Brielmaier has somehow or other found time enough to get five new subscriptions to the *C.P.I.* This all shows the rest of us that when we have an abiding determination to do something, *it can be done.*

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Barrows' Salary Fund

In addition to the donations acknowledged in the January *WORLD*, the following contributions have been received up to February 7:

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PROBLEMS OF THE C.P.I.

REV. PAUL J. FOIK, C.S.C.

Chairman, Editorial Board

I. Financial Problems: From the very beginning, when the *C.P.I.* was launched and when the first volume was printed, the financial problem presented itself and has continued to be the chief care and concern of the Association.

The experience of the campaign of 1934 in behalf of the *C.P.I.* has revealed that certain librarians and educators have failed to comprehend the service which this valuable guide to periodical literature performs for Catholic education and culture. The plaintive cry of several members of the committee was that they frequently met with cold indifference in their efforts to enlighten prospective subscribers. Hence the use of more propaganda cannot be stressed too much in the further attempts now being made to build up a permanent patronage and to give stability to so important a project. It is the duty, therefore, of every member of the C.L.A. to assist by informing and educating those who have failed to understand and to appreciate the service that may be performed in revealing the treasures of Catholic thought to be found in the leading periodicals listed and analyzed in the *C.P.I.* With the effective cooperation of all librarians and the directive influence of the C.L.A., officered by men and women who are not afraid to work, it is hoped that the undertaking will eventually meet with success. Let every member of the Association shoulder the responsibility by becoming active in his own locality, for he is as much a part of the organization as the highest officer. In fact, he may be in a position to produce greater and better results than those chosen as regional chairmen.

There have been many workers who have faithfully performed the duties assigned to them. Certain persons have combed the territory in their vicinity and by persistent efforts have set an excellent example for others. They have reported wonderful returns in subscriptions which have given encouragement to all vitally interested in the worthy cause. The fact remains, however, that in some sections of the country enthusiasm and sustained efforts have been lacking. Two regions in particular have failed to report at all, notwithstanding the fact that appeals for cooperation have been made to these chairmen several times during the past year. The literature for promotion and publicity was received by them, but it is very doubtful

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A More Effective Procedure

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organization to control its finances; and very soon it had no finances to control. It really was not as much an organization at all, as a one-man show; and the one man was an unfortunate man. For more than three years, the treasury of the Association has been nearly empty; and it has a debt of about \$4,000.00. Both because of this debt, and because of lack of subscriptions, its most ambitious venture, the *Catholic Periodical Index*, has come to a standstill. There is no need to rehearse all the sad facts in detail, all the symptoms which indicate that our infant Association is decidedly in a rather bad way.

The Question that Father Etzig wants you to discuss is simply this: What can we do to improve this situation? It would be presumptuous for me to attempt to answer this question fully. At most I venture a few suggestions.

In the first place, I think it is fairly obvious that what the Catholic Library Association needs is organization, members, and money. It already has the great spiritual assets of zeal and generosity on the part of its active members. But good-will is not enough. The need of more members, of increased revenues is manifest. We need money immediately to pay our debts. We need members to contribute to further efforts and to maintain our two present publications. It may appear to some that money and members are our primary needs. Yet I venture to put organization as a prior and immediate need, and for what seem to me good reasons.

For one thing, a strengthening and sharpening of our organization is more readily attainable, more immediately within our power, than an increase of membership and revenue. For another, an improved organization is almost necessary as a means to increasing membership and revenue. And finally, with our present loose and ineffective organization I doubt that we could hold on to either members or money, even if we had them.

The basic problem as regards the organization of our Catholic Library Association is really a matter of geography. The officers and members of the Association are widely scattered, and are mostly too poor to travel the huge distances that separate them from one another. That means lack of live contact, of effective guidance by national officers. An executive committee, for instance, which never meets during its whole term of office, is not a very efficient part of an organization. The remedy for this bad situation seems to be a combination of national and local structure. I venture to outline such a combination in this way:

1. Have few national officers, say, three, a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Grant at least one of these officers a long term of office, five

or six years; time enough to carry through a policy.

2. Empower the President with authority to constitute a Regional Group wherever some set number, say twenty, apply for recognition. Let each Regional Group have home rule, arrange its meetings, programs to suit itself, raise and expend local funds; but not be allowed to commit to the national organization in any way.
3. Let the Regional Directors be ex-officio delegates to the National Convention; and from their number actually present at the Convention, let four be chosen to act with the national officers as an Executive Committee.
4. As soon as possible, set up a central headquarters, if only in a more or less permanent secretariate, as is the case with the *Catholic Educational Association*.

I don't think it too brash a prophecy to say that the real vitality of the Catholic Library Association will be in the Regional Groups; fairly small, neighborly, capable of frequent meeting for fellowship and interchange of ideas. If these Regional Groups are thus properly linked together by means of a compact, enduring national control, we shall have a vigorous type of organization.

Such an organization can set up effective local campaigns for membership, compared with which national campaigns are feeble. We have a potential membership of perhaps 3,500—with an emphasis on the "potential." But a dozen or twenty live Regional Groups can, I believe, enroll an actual 1,000 members within a comparatively short time; and 1,000 live members would make the Catholic Library Association secure.

As regards the problem of our financial needs, I am convinced that we must immediately try to interest a few wealthy Catholics in the work of the Association. There are a dozen or more librarians at present in the Association who know some of our Catholic benefactors in education. The donors of libraries and other school buildings should be instructed in the character and work of the Catholic Library Association. That again can be done through the Regional Groups, more effectively perhaps than by national officers. But it should be controlled by the national officers, to avoid duplication, tactless interference, or other errors of technique. A list of likely contributors to an endowment fund might be drawn up at this present meeting. That we should work toward building up a permanent endowment fund goes without saying. In the meantime, until the Association is financially strong, no salaries should be paid. We may have to beg some college or university to contribute a free secretary or editor to the cause, to tide us over the lean days. And it should also go without saying that, as routine procedure, all officials handling money should be bonded,

and the Association itself should be legally incorporated.

All of these suggestions look toward the practical preliminaries of the work of the Catholic Library Association. That work ultimately should be a work of Catholic scholarship, of the promotion and development of Catholic libraries as tools of Catholic education in the most complete sense. But the great work must forever remain an empty dream, unless we get down decisively and competently to the practical preliminaries of strong organization and adequate financing. Our immediate task is to see that the infant Association survives and grows up. Not until it does grow up can it do a man's work.

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SURVEY OF MAGAZINES IN BROOKLYN AND LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC LIBRARIES

Cooperating libraries, with key:

- St. John's University—U
 St. Francis College—F
 St. Joseph's College for Women—J
 Cathedral College—C
 Bishop Loughlin Memorial H. S.—L
 Bishop McDonnell Memorial H. S.—M
 Brooklyn Preparatory School—B
 Chaminade H. S.—Ch
 Queen of All Saints Diocesan H. S.—Q
 St. Angela Hall—H
 St. Augustine Diocesan H. S.—A
 St. Brendan Diocesan H. S.—N
 St. Francis H. S.—Fh
 St. John's Preparatory School—P
 St. Michael's Diocesan H. S.—Mi
 St. Saviour H. S.—S
 16—America—U, F, J, C, L, M, B, Ch, Q, H, A, N,
 Fh, P, Mi, S
 2—Am. Cath. Philosophical Rev.—U, J
 5—Ave Maria—C, M, B, A, S
 11—Catholic Action—U, J, C, L, M, B, Q, P, Mi, S
 2—Catholic Charities Rev.—U, M
 5—Catholic Educ. Rev.—U, J, M, Ch, S
 3—Catholic Hist. Rev.—U, J, M
 7—Catholic Mind—J, M, B, Q, N, P, S
 4—Catholic School Interests—U, M, Q, P
 10—Catholic School Journal—U, L, M, Q, H, P, Mi, S
 10—Catholic World—U, F, J, C, M, Ch, Q, N, Mi, S
 1—Central-Blatt—U
 13—Columbia—F, J, C, L, M, B, Ch, H, A, N, Fh,
 P, S
 1—Dublin Review—U
 1—Ecclesiastical Review—U
 Extension—J, C, L, M, B, Ch, Q, A, N —9
 Far East—U, F, J, C, L, M, H —7
 Field Afar—J, C, L, M, B, Ch, Q, H, A, P, S —11
 Fortnightly Review—U —1
 Historical Bulletin—J, C —2

- Homiletic and Pastoral Rev.—U —1
 International Newsletter—U, S —2
 Irish Eccl. Record—U —1
 Irish Monthly—U —1
 Jesuit Missions—C, M, B, Q, N, S —6
 Magnificat—M, N —2
 Messenger—J, L, M, B, Ch, Q, H, N, Mi, S —10
 Missionary—U, M, B —3
 Month—U —1
 N. C. E. A. Bulletin—U, J, M, Q, P, S —6
 New Scholasticism—U, J —2
 Orate Fratres—C, M, N —3
 Our Colored Missions—C, B, S —3
 Sign—F, J, C, M, Ch, A, A, N, P, Mi, S, L —11
 Thought—U, J, M, Ch, S —5
 Truth—J —1

TABLE II—Magazines indexed in the *C.P.I.* but not in our libraries:

Anthropos—Blackfriars—Catholic Records Society
 Catholic Rural Life—Chronicle—Franciscan Educational Conference Bulletin—G. K's Weekly—Mid-American Historical Review—Pax—Primitive Man—Studies—London Tablet.

TABLE III:

15—Literary Digest, Wilson Bulletin. 14—National Geographic. 13—Commonweal. 12—Current History. 10—Catholic World, New Outlook, Nature. 9—Readers' Digest. 8—Hygeia. 7—Popular Science. Review of Reviews, School Life, Scientific American. 6—Boys' Life, Scholastic, Time. 5—Popular Mechanics, Scribner's. 4—American Boy, Etude, Correct English, Saturday Evening Post, Scholastic Coach, Stamps. 3—Atlantic, Athletic Journal, Good Housekeeping, News Week, Travel.

TABLE IV:

American, Colliers, Delineator, Fortune, Golden Book, Gregg Writer, Popular Aviation, School and Society, Yale Review, Bird Lore, Business Education World, Foreign Affairs, Forum, Living Age, Natural History, Debaters' Digest, School Musician, Connoisseur, Musical America, Catholic Girl, Light, Queen's Work, The Instructor, Courier des Etats-Unis, Quarterly Review of International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, Booklist, School Science and Mathematics, French Review, Elementary School Journal, English Journal, School Arts, School Management, Catholic Missions, Young Catholic Messenger, Players, High School Teacher, Pictorial Review, Grade Teacher, Keramics, St. Nicholas.

TABLE V: MOST USEFUL

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| America—9 | Correct English—1 |
| Literary Digest—8 | Keramics—1 |
| Current History—7 | Debaters' Digest—1 |
| Catholic World—4 | National Geographic—1 |
| Time—2 | Nature—1 |

Players—1
 Scholastic—1
 Catholic School Journal—1
 Sign—1
 Catholic Action—2

TABLE VI: MOST POPULAR

Popular Mechanics—5	Catholic World—2
Boys Life—5	Commonweal—2
Readers' Digest—5	Nature—2
Popular Science—4	Saturday Evening Post—2
American Boy—3	America—2
Good Housekeeping—3	Pictorial—2
Literary Digest—3	American—1
National Geographic—3	Current History—1
Messenger—3	Fortune—1
Forum—1	
Harper's—1	
Scholastic Coach—1	
Queen's Work—1	
Extension—1	
Field Afar—1	
Jesuit Missions—1	
Sign—1	
Popular Aviation—1	

COMMENT:

The main purpose of our survey was to find which libraries subscribed to magazines indexed in the *Catholic Periodical Index*. Our plan can be worked out to its logical conclusion by the promise on the part of each cooperating library to file at least two of these permanently in such a fashion as will permit students in other schools to avail themselves of these resources. It would seem feasible to so duplicate that boys may find files in other boys' schools and girls in other girls' schools, if these are not kept by the library of their own institution.

A second logical result would be the subscribing to and filing magazines listed on Table II, so that the plan might be worked out to its completion.

Tables III and IV can be used as a basis for discussion of the magazines to be subscribed to. None of us has too much money. Such as we have must be used judiciously. Present practice in other schools may open ways to economies in our own. Another question is the suitability of magazines to Catholic youth. In the light of our discussions, we may see our way to greater utility, more economy and more perfect adaptability in our periodicals listings.

Tables V and VI present interesting points for discussion, particularly in the magazines listed as most popular or most useful in some schools and not known in others. Our cooperative efforts have many minds working out problems which through discussion will broaden the vision and increase the scope of our mutual Library Service.

BROTHER A. THOMAS, F.S.C.

Problems of the C.P.I.

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that it has been distributed. In other words, these persons have failed to measure up to the responsibilities and confidence placed in them.

To date the amount of three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3,400.00) has been guaranteed by subscriptions. This sum, together with the voluntary contributions or donations made during the course of the year, seven hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$785.00), clearly shows the financial condition of the project. The total estimate of funds necessary for the publication of the Four-Year Permanent Cumulation is placed at eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00). Will it be possible to reach this objective? That is the problem that must engage the attention of the Association and executive council during this convention.

Before placing the matters here considered before the members of the C.L.A. for further deliberation and action, the Chairman wishes to pay a tribute to the indefatigable editor-in-chief, Miss Marion Barrows, who has worked during this period of uncertainty and financial stress without compensation. In fact, the Association is heavily indebted to the editor-in-chief for the excellent services rendered amid these depressing circumstances. This heroine of patience and self-sacrifice has sustained the project of the C.P.I., and like a modern Joan of Arc overcame many difficulties with dauntless courage and aggressive leadership. An appreciation of her kind attitude should be shown by the C.L.A. in some tangible way, and expression should also be given to her in a letter acknowledging with praise and gratitude her good-will and her fidelity to duty under these trying conditions.

(Section of Report read at National Convention.)

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N. C. W. C. GIVING EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY TO FOUR-YEAR VOLUME OF C.P.I.

N.C.W.C. headquarters has shown its great delight with the announcement that the Cumulated Volume of the C.P.I. will be on the press soon by using all the resources at its command to publicize the *Index*. Articles in *Catholic Action* for January in two instances contained definite representations of the usefulness of the C.P.I. The February issue will carry an editorial on the Cumulation. The N.C.W.C. News Service will release news stories about the *Index* to its country-wide clientele. The February *Catholic Educational Review* will give deserved space to Fr. Etzig's announcement.

Thus the campaign will go on and pick up momentum until practically every Catholic librarian and educator has at least a nodding acquaintance with the purpose and utility of the *Catholic Periodical Index*. Then begins the task of the C. L. A. These acquaintances must be developed into friends and subscribers.

STEPS TOWARD CO-OPERATION

EUGENE P. WILLGING

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The title of a popular song is "Marching Along Together." And that is what libraries must do. Public libraries need college libraries, high schools must join with the colleges, special libraries of all kinds must be linked together. Because of the vast production of books (there are over 9,000 published in the United States alone, every year), it becomes necessary for libraries, particularly those in small cities, and medium sized and small educational institutions, to select from this mass. This selection has specialization as a necessary by-product.

The recent development or trend toward library "science" has as its basis, a collection of facts, an interpretation of those facts, and new methods of procedure growing out of these interpretations.

In the city of Scranton, we have begun a co-operative movement based upon a gathering of data and use of that information. To elucidate these remarks we will examine the procedure followed in a typical case. Our problem was to locate all books indexed in indices to various types of literature, e.g., essays, plays, short stories, poetry and reference books. We began with the list of books indexed in *Essay and General Literature Index*. Student assistants checked the book titles against the card catalog of the Scranton Public Library, Marywood College and St. Thomas College. Whenever a title was listed in the catalog, a rubber stamp marked the initial of the library possessing the title, opposite the title. The entire list of books was checked and the results are given here:

St. Thomas College.....	49*
Marywood College.....	44*
Scranton Public Library.....	530*
Marywood & St. Thomas.....	9#
Marywood & Scranton Public.....	40#
Scranton Public & St. Thomas.....	50#
Scranton Public, Marywood & St. Thomas..	11#
Not located in any library.....	1,243

Total 1,976

*Titles held by this library alone and not available in the other two libraries.

#Duplicated titles. (The duplications refer to titles held by two or more libraries.)

The results show that we located 733 titles out of 1976. As the check stands, we can tell whether another library in the city is holding a book which we may desire, e.g., if the Public Library has a reference to G. K. Chesterton's "Heretics," by consulting this list of books indexed in the *Essay and General Literature Index*, the reference librarian will note the stamp STC opposite that title, which indicates that there is a copy of it at St. Thomas College.

A telephone call or a message will secure the book promptly, because the Public Library and St. Thomas College are only a few blocks apart. However, if Marywood College, which is several miles distant, had wanted a book, we would have sent the book by parcel post, with a special label marked "Contents: Books mailed under section 572 P. L. & R.," which gives a special rate of postage at 3c for the first pound, and 1c for every pound thereafter. As can easily be seen, it is cheaper for us to mail books than to waste time and carfare by using a messenger. So much for the books that we have located at one of the three libraries. The next step is to secure all or part of the 1,243 which were not located. This is to be done, as far as possible, by means of conferences between the three libraries concerned, at which conferences the libraries would indicate which books they would buy, thus avoiding as much duplication as possible.

As stated above, this method can be employed for all collections of books indexed. It provides a productive field for community service, and helps in making available more of the printed matter in a region. There are practically no limits to this procedure, although it would not be advisable to duplicate any of the work being done by the Union Catalog (project B), of the Library of Congress. But I hardly think any library would attempt anything like that, nor should they.

As Catholics, it is very important for us to co-operate with all local public and educational institutions. Probably the college can do more along this line than all other types of Catholic institutions. But if there is a definite spirit of co-operation, every library can find or will make its own opportunities.

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NEW BOOKS

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

February Selection

Montgomery, Richard G. *The White-Headed Eagle: John McLoughlin, Builder of An Empire*. New York: Macmillan. \$3.50.

Dauntless as pioneer, trader, and statesman in the great Northwest, and magnanimous in his services to society, John McLoughlin looms heroically in these aptly written pages.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Burke, Rev. John J., C.S.P., S.T.D. *Christ in Us*. Foreword by His Eminence, Cardinal Hayes. Philadelphia: Dolpin. \$1.25.

A compact little volume of meditations intended to deepen in its users their personal devotion to Christ.

Goodier, Most Rev. Alban, S.J. *The Word Incarnate: A Harmony of the Gospels*. Tabular Chart of Events as Treated by Each Evangelist. XVII and 377 pp. New York: Kenedy. \$1.75.

An exact collation of the parallel passages in each of the Gospels, founded with a few alterations on that of Tischendorf, this book is the basis on which Archbishop Goodier wrote his monumental work on the Life of Our Lord; as a volume for the study of the New Testament and for meditation, it is ideal.

LeBreton, Rev. Jules, S.J. *The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.* Translated by Rev. Francis Day. Vol. I. London: Burns, Oates & Washburne. 10s. 6d.

The first volume of another valuable contemporary biography of Christ, this reproduction in popular style of the learned author's lectures at the Catholic Institute in Paris supplements the works of Grandmaison, Lagrange, Goodier, and others, the special excellence here being in the historical presentation.

Lydon, Rev. P. J., D.D. *Ready Answers in Canon Law.* A Practical Summary of the Code for the Parish Clergy Preface by Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D.D., Archb'hop of San Francisco. Index. 12 mo. 650 pp. New York: Benziger. \$4.

The professor of Canon Law at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, California, has produced a book which is a boon to the busy priest, its contents being practical, complete, up-to-date, furnished with illustrations of technical principles, and arranged in alphabetical order.

McAstocker, Rev. David, P., S.J. *The Carpenter.* vii and 109 pp. Milwaukee: Bruce. \$1.

Father McAstocker's recent books, *Himself and Herself*, together with this work constitute a trilogy on the Holy Family; the virtues of St. Joseph—his sincerity, cheerfulness, piety, humility, obedience, nobility, and others—are shown in pleasing and persuasive fashion.

Sister Mary Paula, Ph.D., Litt.D. *God's Ways.* ix and 129 pp. Milwaukee: Bruce. \$1.25.

These fourteen meditations on events in the life of Our Lord with analogies drawn to His Eucharistic Life are written without adornment and with a pointedness that inspires thought and devotion; layfolk as well as religious will like them.

Pope, Rev. Hugh, O.P., Editor. *The Layman's New Testament.* Introduction to Each Book. Index. Cr. 8 vo. 940 pp. New York: Sheed. \$1.50.

A second and enlarged edition of a book acutely needed in Catholic homes, schools, and seminaries; the Scripture text occupies the left-hand pages throughout, and Father Pope's editorial notes the right-hand pages.

Russell, Rev. William H., Ph.D. *The Bible and Character.* 292 pp. Philadelphia: Dolphin. \$1.50.

A version of the doctoral dissertation offered by this religious educator of wide experience to the Catholic University of America, this book reviews the opinions of ancient and modern Christians on the moral effects of the Bible, and then gives concrete suggestions for the use of the Scripture in the formation of the characters of Catholic teachers.

Vonier, Dom Anscar, O.S.B. *The Victory of Christ.* Foreword. viii and 180 pp. New York: Kenedy. \$2.

A keen student of the aspects of the Church's teaching especially emphasized in these days of the Catholic Revival, the Abbot of Buckfast examines the effects of the victory of Christ the King in a way to stimulate the spiritual life of the modern Catholic.

Williams, Joseph J., S.J., Ph.D., Litt.D. *Psychic Phenomena of Jamaica.* Bibliography. New York: Dial. \$2.50.

The learned author of this thoroughly documented discussion studies ethnologically the native superstitions of the Jamaicans, largely dominated by Ashanti antecedents, and judges diabolical influences to be perceptible in many of them.

Walsh, Dr. James J., Ph.D. *American Jesuits.* Index. 12 mo. New York: Macmillan. \$2.50.

To mark the four-hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Society of Jesus, Dr. Walsh writes with knowledge and warm enthusiasm of a selected number of Jesuit Fathers and Jesuit activities in this country, especially the eastern section, since the arrival of Father White with the Calverts.

SOCIOLOGY

Glenn, Rev. Paul J., Ph.D. *Sociology: A Class Manual* in the Philosophy of Human Society. St. Louis: Herder. \$2.

The sixth in Professor Glenn's new series of books on philosophy, this work is valuable among texts on sociology as giving at the outset an extended exposition of fundamental Catholic principles of the science.

Schmiedeler, Rev. Edgar, O.S.B., S.T.L., Ph.D., and Sister M. Rosa McDonough, Ph.D. *Parent and Child.* 8 vo. xi and 301 pp. Illustrated. Index. Bibliographies. New York: Appleton-Century. \$2.25.

This book on the physical, mental, moral, religious, social, and emotional phases of child training, is unique as considering religion as the pre-eminent factor in the process and as emphasizing the positive constructive work to be done rather than the corrective procedures.

POETRY, DRAMA AND ESSAYS

Gilby, Rev. Thomas, O.P. *Poetic Experience.* Essays in Order, XIII. 100 pp. New York: Sheed. \$1.

This noteworthy study investigates in the light of Thomistic psychology the characteristics and implications of lyric experience, not neglecting those that touch the theological order.

Lavery, Emmet. *The First Legion: A Drama of the Society of Jesus.* New York: Samuel French. \$1.50.

The text of the play written by a zealous young Catholic which impressed audiences in New York through twelve weeks, and is not only correct theologically but intensely Catholic, and is well constructed dramatically.

Quirk, Rev. Charles J., S.J. *Gesture Before Farewell.* New York: Dial. \$2.

Loveliness of many kinds is lodged in this attractively printed volume of an accepted Catholic lyricist.

The Wilfrid Ward Family. *Cinderella.* A New and original Version in which the Writers are assisted by Pope, Sheridan, Shakespeare, Milton, Scott, Thackeray, Tennyson, Longfellow, Chesterton, and Many Others.

Ingeniously made of quotations and imitations, this clever version of Cinderella's story is adaptable for reading and for young people's acting, being provided with dances, choruses, and jokes.

BIOGRAPHY

Coste, Rev. Pierre, C.M. *The Life and Labors of St. Vincent de Paul.* Vol. I. Translated from the French by Rev. Joseph Leonard, C.M. Demy 8 vo. London: Burns, Oates & Washburne. 21s.

The three-volume study of St. Vincent, written by the erudite editor of the eight volumes of his correspondence, has been given the crown of merit of the French Academy. Its first volume, appearing now in English, has found a translator equal to so distinguished an undertaking.

Mother Francis d'Assisi O.S.U. *Saint' Angela of the Ursulines.* 4 illustrations. Notes. Bibliography. ix and 174 pp. Milwaukee: Bruce. \$1.50.

The fourth centenary of the founding of the Ursuline Order calls from one of her spiritual daughters this story of its splendid founder in which biographical and historical details are supplemented by imaginative material, and the devices of fiction are employed to add to its attractiveness.

Gardner, Monica M. *Queen Jadwiga of Poland.* 189 pp. St. Louis: Herder. \$1.25.

A pleasing version of the gallant story of the fourteenth-century queen of Poland who sacrificed her chosen lover to marry the Grand Duke of Lithuania and thereby lead his entire kingdom into the Church.

Guy, Rev. Francis Shaw, M.A. *Edmund Bailey O'Callaghan, 1797-1880.* Washington, D. C.: Catholic University.

A sketch of the Catholic physician and historian distinguished for his scholarly work for the records of New York and neighboring states.

The Rose of Jesus and Mary: A Life of the Foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, by One of Her Spiritual Daughters. Portland, Oregon: Metropolitan Press. 75 cents.

A delightful account of the life and work of Mother Marie Rose, spiritual mother of three thousand apostolic daughters in the United States and Canada.

FICTION FOR YOUNG READERS

Dooley, Rev. Bernard F. J. *The Lair of the Wolves.* Milwaukee: Bruce. \$1.50.

Adventure and mystery fill this lively tale of two young men seeking a lost gold mine in the western mountains.

Lamers, William M. *Bill and His Friends.* Milwaukee: Bruce. \$1.50.

William Hanlon, of the author's *Joe McGuire, Freshman*, takes the center of the stage in this energetic and humorous story of life at a Catholic college.

Sedgobury, Edwina. *Realization.* New York: Benziger. \$2.

In spite of the plans of a non-Catholic woman by whom he is adopted, the Catholic boy in this story, on growing up, comes into his inheritance, the Faith.

Wilby, Noel Macdonald. *A Merry Eternity.* New York: Benziger. \$2.25.

A fictionized account of the lives of Blessed Thomas More and Blessed John Fisher, given in a setting accurately drawn by an English author of historical tales.



SOME FEATURES OF BISHOP LOUGHLIN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Library Schedule: Every class from first to sixth term, 1A to 3B included, has a definite library period assigned each week. From Monday morning at nine until Friday afternoon at 2:30 every period sees a class conducted to and from the library. Library instruction generally consumes one-third of the period. Browsing research and circulation take up the rest of the period. Boys are always free to come, with the permission of the instructor or study hall supervisor, to do particular tasks during the day. The library is

also open half an hour before classes and an hour after classes.

Circulation: The work of circulation is generally done by class librarians. The actual process is quite simple. At the end of the school day a pupil assistant has stamped about one hundred fifty date due cards, two weeks in advance of the next day. This stack is placed on the right on the charging desk. When a boy takes a book out, he writes his number on the book card. The librarian checks the number on the book card and stamps the borrower's card with the date due. He inserts a date due card and files the book card in the tray with the day's circulation. When a book is returned, the date on the borrower's card is cancelled with today's date.

No limit is put on the number of books a boy may take, except in the first term.

Magazines: Although there are more than forty magazines represented on the periodicals list, the use of periodicals during library periods is not encouraged. In particular assignments or through *Reader's Guide*, whatever magazines are available are given out. Recreational reading therein is permitted before and after school. Periodicals not current may generally be loaned for over night use. Principal use for magazines is file and reference use.

Study hall use of Library: Though at first, the use of the library as a study hall was frowned upon, the consideration of the adult uses of the library brought to our attention the fact that most of our use of the Public Library is in our quest for information, in short, our study use. We have, therefore, adopted a more liberal attitude towards the boys who wish to come here after school and prepare their home assignments. No regular study periods are held in the library. No penances or tasks of whatever kind, if they are discovered are allowed, even at the cost of disagreement with some of the teachers.

News From The Field

The Passport, a periodical to be issued by Sheed & Ward, is scheduled to make its first appearance in early spring. It will consist entirely of translations of the best chosen articles by Catholic leaders appearing in magazines on the Continent, and should be of great value as assisting the stream of Catholic thought in its flow from one end of the world to the other, one of the great aims of the Sheed & Ward apostolate.

The first book of its kind to be published in English, a history of the literature of the Catholic Resurgence in the principal countries participating in the new movement, will be issued by the Bruce Publishing Company, Milwaukee, this month. It is the work of Mr. Calvert Alexander, S.J., of St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Kansas, who has been a close student of this new literature for several years. Its title is the *Catholic Literary Revival*.

In a letter stating his willingness to assist in providing information about recent English Catholic publications for the NEW BOOKS column, Bernard G. Coldwell (of Geo. E. J. Coldwell, Ltd., leading Catholic booksellers of England) writes: "I regularly read with greatest interest the publication in question, and as regularly lament the fact that we on this side have nothing covering similar ground. I consider your work of the greatest value and if only for this reason I am happy to concede to your wish and supply as much information as possible. . . ."

Communications

Mr. Editor:

At the risk of being considered the devil's advocate in this case, I register an objection to the choice of St. Peter Canisius as patron of Catholic librarians. My first anxiety, however, is that it shall be entirely clear that I am one of the most appreciative of the army of Catholic teachers who admire and value the contributions made to Catholic education and Catholic librarianship by the Rev. Francis S. Betten, S.J., who proposed this patron to our group.

I base my objection on the fact that St. Peter Canisius, valiant defender of the Faith that he was, still fails to measure up to the standards that librarians as scholars should set for their patron inasmuch as he used legendary material, especially that connected with the medieval lives of the saints, as a basis for his defence of the doctrines of the Church against the heretics. Allowing that he lived before the age of scientific historiography and critical hagiography (though there were stirring in his times the waves of thought which resulted in the inauguration of the labors of the Bollandists), it seems to me that we can venerate him duly as a saint, but hesitate to place him as the patron of the guardians of the fruits of scholarship, the librarians.

Very respectfully yours,

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Kansas City, Missouri.

Wanted

Issue of *Thought* for June, 1933. Sister M. Felix, Librarian, Catholic Junior College, 69 Ranscom Avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Position Wanted

Young lady with ten years' experience in large Public Library desires position. Excellent references will be furnished. Address AHK in care of the editor.

The January *Irish Monthly* came to us clothed in yellow. *O tempora! O mores!*